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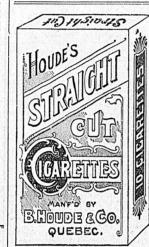
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By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 27.—Lord Somerset writes to the Times urging the seizure of Lorenzo Marques and its retention if necessary, until the end of the war in order to prevent the landing of war material for the Boers.

The Times in a special article discussing the international law aspects of Boe importations through Delagon Bay says "If we were to adopt either with or without the consent of Portugal the drastic measures which are so airily suggested in some quarters, we might find our selves suddenly confronted with international complications far more serious and sinjurious to the successful prosecution of the South African war than the evils of which it was sought to secure an abatement."

The Times editorially attacks the administration of the war office, calling attention to correspondence disclosing "glaring defects," and declaring that the British army is being managed for the benefit of the war office, and not of the nation. ed in some quarters, we might find our

CAPE COLONY DISAFFECTION.

CAPE COLOXY DISABTECTION.

The Times advises stern treatment of the disaffected Dutch colonists and the enforcement of the penalties of treason against persons and property.

Despatches from various points indicate the steady growth of disaffection. The Capetown correspondent of the Daily Chronicle reports the discovery of a plot to connive at the escape of Boer presents.

prisoners.

The recruiting of the British colonists in Cape Colony is actively proceeding. Thirty thousand are already under arms, and several thousand more will be added.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

The tests of wireless telegraphy have been highly successful, communication over a distance of seventy miles being perfectly established. Marconi instru-ments intended for the Boers have been seized at Capetown.

DEMAND FOR WAGONS.

The advent of horse sickness throws increased attention upon the question of transports and the want of wagons, which may tie the British forces to the

which may the the British forces to the railways.

The Daily Chroniele says: "Plenty of wagons could be obtained from the United States, but the government, with very indiscrete patriotism, have refused to avail themselves of the opportunity. It would have been better if the authorities had followed Lord Kitchener's example at Atbara bridge. Will they even now apply to the American factories."

tories " are office has nominated Sir Wil-liam Stokes as consulting surgeon to the South African forces. He will Jeave Dublin for the Cape in a few days. Despatches from South Africa are still greatly delayed, but they are arriving more freely, which shows that the cen-sorship has been relaxed. There appears to be no great change in the situation.

THE QUEEN'S CHRISTMAS TREE. Wives and Children of Guards in Africa Share in Her Majesty's Hospi-

otherwise. The correspondent of the Associated Press received this information from an authoritative source today. The German embassy in Washington has left no doubt that any such attempt would be looked upon by the Americans as an unfriendly actinad as an infringement of the Monroe doctrine, According to the same authority the remiringement of the Monroe doctrine. Ac-cording to the same authority the re-ports representing Denmark as 1. gotiat-ing to sell the islands to the United States are either entirely premature or without foundation.

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SECOND CANADA'S OWN.

Method of Division For Three Trans ports-Barbed Wire Clippers-Offer to College Graduates.

Ottawa, Dec. 26 .- Dr. Borden has de cided to send the Mounted Rifles on the Montezuma, two batteries of artillery on the Laurentian, and the third battery and spare horses on the Pomeranian.

The offer by the war office of commis-sions in the army to graduates of the Royal Military College is for Royal Artillery only, and is confined to graduate of the past three years,

The government sends a gross of barbed wire clippers with the contingent Kingston, Dec. 26,--W. H. Pontor who figured in the sensational Dominion Bank robbery case, has been accepted for the second contingent for Africa.

Earthquake Makes Havoc.

California Town a Scene of Desolation From Shock on Christmas Day.

Every Brick Building Wrecked and Loss of Life Reported-Volcano Near-By.

San Jacinto, Cal., Dec. 26.-This locality is a scene of desolution from the earthquake which centred here on Christ mas morning and destroyed every brick building in town.

At the Saboba Indian reservation, near here, a dance had been held the night before, and large quantities of whiskey consumed by the Indians sent most of them into a drunken stupor before the shock came. A number of squaws had

shock came. A number of squaws had huddled together in an old building, and were sleeping off the effects of the liquor. The heavy walls fell upon them, six being killed outright and two dying later, while a score more were badly injured. There is not a business house in town but has suffered. The electric wires are down and some of the power houses have fallen in. The walls of the county hospital were badly damaged.

It is said that ramblings had been heard for several days about Taquil's Peak, in the San Jacinto range, supposed to be an extinct volcane. Between San Jacinto and Hemet geysers of hot sulphur water bave appeared, and the tunes are so strong that no one can get umes are so strong that no one can get near the geysers.

MONTREAL'S NEW ELEVATORS. Dominion Government Confirms Lease of Best Harbor Sites to Buffalo

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.-An extra of the Canada Gazette issued to-night approves of the agreement between the harbon commissioners of Montreal and the Con-uors Syndicate of Buffalo, who are thu-confirmed in their bargain for the best accommodation for elevators in the har-bor. Their contract is for forty years with privilege of renewal.

STOCK EXCHANGE LIBEL.

New York, Dec. 26.—Over a score of Wall Street magnates have been subpoemed to appear before the grand jury to tell what they know of the rumor recently circulated about the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co, which it is claimed, seriously affected the stock of that corporation. Nearly all of the leading "bulls and bears" are on the list of those called. The Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co officials offer a reward of \$25,000 for information leading to the identity of the persons who circulated the stock-bearing stories. poemed to appear before the grand jury

LOWELL ARMS CO. ASSIGNS.

Boston, Dec. 26.-The John P. Lowell goods houses in the country, assigned to-day as a result of the collapse of the Globe National Bank of this city, to which the company was largely indebted. The company manufactured bicycles, fire arms and sporting goods of nearly every description.

A LESSON IN ELECTRICS.

Berlin, Dec. 26.—There was another heavy snow fall: in Germany to-day and street traffic is greatly impeded. One lesson from the severe snows of the last two weeks is that the accumulated electric car system is a failure. The Berlin lines will substitute overhead wires.

By Modder And Tugela.

Buller Engaged in Smashing a Bridge and Preventing Boer Entrenchment.

Story of Strong Reserve at Pretoria Directed by Skilled Europeans.

Canadian Picket Reported Cut Off-Enterprise of British at Ladysmith.

By Associated Press. London, Dec. 26.—Despatches from Modder River dated Thursday, December 21, report that intermittent firing was continuing on both sides although

the Boers' shells fell short.

A number of Free State burghers had

surrendered. There is an unconfirmed despatch that a Canadian picket was cut off near Bel-

It is also asserted that fever is raging mong the beers.

RESERVE AT PRETORIA

London, Dec. 27.—The Capetown corespondent of the Daily News, telegraphing Wednesday, December 20, says: "Lord Methuen, I understand, intends to remain at Modder River about three weeks longer. From Bund sources hisherto singularly well informed, I lear that there are eight thousand Europe. officers and men skilled in modern mit tary tactics, particularly artillery, now in Pretoria, as a reserve. An administrative official in the Cape service, who has just returned from official relieving duty in the Datch district, says the new of the British reverses has been received with great joy, even in localities where there is no open revolt."

SORTIE FROM LADYSMITH.

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A despatch to the Daily News from Ladysmith dated Friday, December 15 by telegraph, says: Another sortic las night. Gen. Hunter with 500 volunteed destroyed one six-inch creusote gun, or howitzer and one Maxim. One Brit. was killed. The Boer gunners, fied.

There is an idea in some quarters he that Gen, Buller's destruction of the T gcla bridge heralds an attempt to off the Boers now south of the r. but the general opinion is that the F sish will not make any serious r opending the arrival of Lord Rob. The 16th Lancers will go to such Africa from India at the special request of Lord Roberts, even after the government had decided that vo more troops should be withdrawn from India.

BOER OFFICIAL REPORT, A despatch from Chieveley Camp dated Tuesday, December 2 says: "Lyddite shells are daily thrown into the Poer camp to prevent them working at trenches. The firing of big guns is? daily from the direction of Ladysm

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Mr. Tarte's Fate in the Balance.

Two Quebec Mayors Named as Successors to Colleagues of Sir Wilfrid's.

Judgeship Found Useful in Extensive Political Shuffle Now in Prospect.

Special to the Colonist.

Montreal, Dec. 26.-Rumor is busy with impending changes in the Laurier

of Quebec is to take Mr. Tarte's place as minister of public works, and Mayor Prefontaine of Montreal will become minister of inland revenue in succession to Sir Henri Joly who in turn will take the position of speaker of the senate in place of Mr. Pelletier, who will get a

Mr. Bernier is said to be slated for a cabinet posicion without portfolio. Mr Tarte, it is said, will go back to Paris for medical treatment.

FREE STATERS TROUBLED.

See No Prospect Except Disastrous Defeat and Are Bickering With Transvaal Allies.

Capetown, Dec. 26.—Recent arrivals from Jacobsdal report that notwith-standing the Boers' successes the Free Staters do not expect ultimate victory. They complain of the overbearing conduct of Gen. Cronje's men, who are alleged to be better fed and posted in the softest positions.

alleged to be better fed and posted in the safest positions.

The Transvalers do not conecal their suspicions of the possible defection of the Free Staters, and threaten to shoot them at the least sign of wavering.

The Free Staters are declared to regard subjection to the Transvanal as more to be feared thus subjection to Great Britain.

ENGAGED AT LADYSMITH.

Mere Mention of Recent Affair in Which the British Casualties Were Twenty-Four.

London, Dec. 26,—The war effice received a despatch from Pietermaritzburg ceived a despatch from Pictermaritzburg dated Sunday, 24th, announcing that in an engagement at Ladysmith on December 22. Lieut.-Col. Fawcett, Major A. C. King, Captains Wathen and Oakes, and Lieut. Hulse were wounded, and that nine non-commissioned officers and men were killed and ten wounded.

This engagement had not been recorded before this.

DRIVING THE FILIPINOS.

Attack on Little American Garrison Repulsed with Severe Loss to Insurgents.

Manila, Dec. 27.—Gen. Santa Ana, with a force of insurgents estimated at with a force of insurgents estimated at 300, attacked a garrison at Subig yesterday. A body of marines were sent from Olongapo to reinforce the garrison and the Filipinos were driven back, several being killed. There were no casualties on the American side.

A company of the 48th volunteer infantry, together with a contingent of marines has been sent from Manila to reinforce the garrison until further orders.

SIR CHARLES IN BOUNDARY. Conservative Leader Addresses an En-

thusiastic Meeting at Greenwood.

Greenwood, Dec. 26.-Sir Charles Tupper and party arrived in the city this

per and party arrived in the city this afternoon, and were entertained by the executive committee of the Liberal-Conservative Association.

In the evening Mr. Charles Wilson, of Vancouver, and Sir Charles addressed a crowded audience in Miler's hall. An address was read by the chairman, Mr. Gostell, on behalf of the Liberal-Conservatives. Sir Charles in reply spoke over two hours with great vigor and effect, reviewing the whole political situation. He was repeatedly cheered. At the close there were calls for Sir Hibbert, who gave a fifteen-minute speech with great effect. Sir Charles leaves to-morrow for Rossland, where he speaks Thursday night. He is delighted with his reception and with the Boundary country.

VENEZUELAN FINANCE.

Caracas, Venezuela, Dec. 26.—The re-usal of the Bank of Venezuela to allow the official bank inspectors Senor Fabricio Conde, to inspect the books of the institution, caused a panic in financial circles yesterday. To-day the bank agreed to receive him and the panic

DOMINION NEWS NOTES.

Bank Deals Generously With Soldiers Families on Christmas Day-No Swow In Manitoba.

MANITOBA WEATHER. Winnipeg, Dec. 26.—Winnipeggers had old weather for the Christmas holiday, with bright sunny skies and no snow.

CHRISTMAS CASUAL/TIES.

QUEBEC'S GREETING.

Quebec, Dec. 26.—Mayor Parent yes-terday sent the following cable to Col. Otter, commanding the Canadian contin-gent: "The Mayor and citizens of Que-bec offer their hearty Christmas greet-ings and compliments of the season."

Montreal, Dec. 26.—The Bank of Montreal directors to-day voted 2,000 guineas to the fund for British soldiers' families, and the directors further personally subscribed 1,500 guineas.

Winnipeg, Dec. 26.—Mounted Policemen are volunteering in large numbers for service with the Canadian contingent. The Winnipeg troops will concentrate here on Thursday.

KILVED IN A RUNAWAY.

Prominent Citizen of Montreal Loses His Life on Cote des Neiges Hill.

life yesterta, as the result of a runaway. Yr. Burnett went out with his
brother Hugh and a friend, David Ewen,
for a sleigh drive. After a pleasant outing, Burnett ".med his horse homeward,
proceeding dran Cote des Neiges hill, a
very steep incline iunning down from the
mountain park. On the way down the
the occupants being thrown to the
ground. Burnett, who was driving, held
on to the reins and was dragged down
the hill. The horse, badly frightened,
continued an a terrific pace, and Burnett,
was thrown against a telegraph pole on
the side. He was picked up unconscious and found suffering from concussion of the brain. He lingered antievening, when he passed away. Deceased was the son of James Burnett,
formerly president of the Monireal Stock
Exchange, and was himself a stock
broker. He was married only a short
while ago, and Mrs. Burnett is prostrated. Ewen, who was badly hurt, will
recover. Hugh Burnett escaped unhurt. way. Ar. Burnett went out with his

WOMAN FACING SCAFFOLD.

Murderer of Her Mistress at Brandon Shows Bravery on the Eve of Execution.

Brandon, Dec. 26 .- (Special)-With but few hours to live and confined only a ew yards from where the carpenters are building the scaffold upon which she is to die Hilda, Blake retains self-control, composure and good humor which makes her the most remarkable criminal ever seen in Western Canada. The fact that she shows neither weakness nor alarm at the approach of her execution is possibly due to her desire to die rather than spend the remainder of her natural life in prison, but is none the less remarkable. Saturday afternoon she sent for Crown Prosecutor Matheson, but expressed no desire to make a statement or arrangements of any kind. She was in good humor, almost gay, and laughed heartily several times. When conversation turned to her approaching fate she said: "Am I not brave? I seem to be possessed of two natures, one good and one very bad, and they seem to have control at different times. I am either good or very bad." "You cannot think has altogether bad?" she asked, pointedly, bater on.

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Radeliffe, the hangman, is here, and the sentence will be carried out in the morning. Dr. McDiarmid will be present, together with a few officials. From present appearances, Hilda Blake will walk as firmly to the senfect as any man ever did.

M. deters, Lawyers, Teachers, and others, who occupation gives but little exercise, structure and billousness. One s a dose, To team.

Appointed Surg on in Second Contin-After Dinner Speeches.

ancouver, Dec 26.-Dr. R. R. Rob-

curcies yesterday. To-day the bank agreed to receive him and the panic accessed.

New York, Dec. 26.—The statement of the visible supply of wheat in store and affoat on Saturday. December 23, as compiled by the New York Produce Exchange, is 58,878,000 bushels, an increase of 1,725,000.

Croups, Coughs and Colds are all quickly cured by Pyuy-Pectoral. It lessens the cough almost instantly, and cures readily the most obstinate cold. Manufactured by the proprieters of Perry Davis Pala-Kuller.

V. & S. By-Law In Extremis.

Received What May Prove Deathblow at Weekly Meeting of City Council.

No Deviation from the Demand that Company Must Raise Half a Million.

The Victoria & Sidney Railway Extension by-law received a severe blow at last night's meeting of the city council that is, if the statements of Messrs. Belyen and Renouf, who appeared on behalf of the project, were intended to be that the scheme might be considered dead and buried if the by-law were made to provide that the company should be compelled to have a paid-up capital of \$500,000 in hand before receiving aid from Victoria. No alteration in this respect was made notwithstanding this

spect was made nowithstanding this statement.

There were present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Kinsman, Mac-Gregor, Humphreys, Brydon, Beckwith, Stewart, Hayward, Cameron and Williams.

Communications were received from Messrs. Semlin, Cotton, McPhillips and Helmcken, M. P. P.'s, acknowledging receipt of the council's recommendation that the Indian reserve dispute be taken up and disposed of at the earliest possible moment.

Miss Constance Thomas wrote from

sible moment.

Miss Constance Thomas wrote from Kingston-on-Thames, Eng., apprising the corporation on what terms a series of lectures on home narsing would be delivered in British Columbia cities in the near future. Referred to finance committee for report.

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The city solicitor reported that the petition from the Johnson estate ag 'sust the proposed street improvements on Broad street did not contain the necessary number of signatures and was therefore ineffective.

F. J. Claxton complained of the poor electric light on Fernavood road. Referred to electric light committee.

The Judgment Payment by-law was reconsidered and finally passed.

Before again going into committee on the V. & S. Extension by-law, Ald. Beckwith moved that a lifteen minutes' conference be held with Messrs. A. L. Belyea and C. E. Renouf, who were present on behalf of the project. This being agreed to, those gentlemen addressed the meetic.

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yea and C. E. Renouf, who were present on behalf of the project. This being agreed to, those gentlemen addressed the meetit. The could tell them—it was the comment as to who was behind the project. He could tell them—it was the citizens of Victoria who in May last had appointed a committee to formulate the scheme which woould provide better connection with the Mainland, and the by-law was the resurt. No one but the citizens was behind it. The only object those who are interesting themselves in the matter have in view is to give Victoria good railwhy connection with the Mainland. It was no use to insimuate that somebody was going to make money out of the project. If the by-law passes a company will then be formed to push the scheme to completion. The council in the present by-law insisted that the company shall have in its coffers the sum of \$500,000 in cash. He thought this most unfair, as any company with this amount of money at its command would not consult the council would not modify its demands. The promotors felt that it was untarry impossible to go ahead unless the scheme was modified. If the council was determined to wrapf the project up in the restrictions which were proposed, nothing further could be doue. None of the other numicipalities from which it was hoped to obtain assistance would have anything to do with the scheme. It was absurd to propose that a scheme costing \$1,500,000 in the treasury before work was commenced. He would ask that the council reconsider that clause. It was no use to hedge the by-law round with conditions which would prevent capitalists from taking fold of it. Mr. Belyear referred to the criticisms in the Colonist. In his opinion they were too absurd to be taken seriously. The idea of suggesting that \$4,000,000 was asked for a project only costing \$1,500,000! He thought that sub-section 2 of the by-law should be made to read that the cannon of one of the company to have it that sub-section 2 of the by-law should of \$500,000.

\$500,000. Redfern was decidedly opposed to this. It was necessary that the city's interests should be safeguarded, and it was only reasonable to ask the company to put up a like sum with the city.

Mr. Renour claimed that at a previous meeting, the Mayor had explained why the sum of \$500,000 should not be insisted upon pointing out at that time should. meeting the Mayor had explained why the sum of \$500,000 should not be insists of upon pointing out at that time that \$100,000 would have secured the success of the De Cosmos scheme, and that the fack of that sum stoped fit. In his (Mr Renoaffs) opinion it was uscless to go on with a charter which would be useless when obtained as five different amunicipalities were imposed that a charter would not be obtained from the provincial government. But it was only necessary to get the citizens interested and that was why the scheme was put in this form. An article in the Colonist had stated that it was not shown that the company would be able to get right-of-way privileges. He did not the ecity, or, if it did, at what cost. He thought it would be made as all progressive cities were granting the heading out the first of way any objection should be made as all progressive cities were granting right-of-way privileges. The speaker quoted figures to show the amount of the decision should be made as all progressive cities were granting right-of-way privileges. The speaker quoted figures to show the amount of the work of the city was prepared to grant when which might be expected from the provincing of the city of the privileges. The speaker quoted figures to show the amount of the work of the city was prepared to grant when the officials.

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AND RESTAURANTS

quoted figures to show the amount of trade which might be expected from the lower Fraser supplied by local government officials.

Ald, Hayward did not think the municipalities could be whipped into tine. He amount to the figure named—\$200,000.

Mr. Belyea—"If the citizens of Victoria don't want to give \$500,000 let them say see, but if they do, let them give it on such conditious as will prevent other municipalities coming in."

Ald, Williams considered that if the amount which the city is asked to subscribe were placed in the form of a subscribe were placed in the form of subscribe with the beautiful the placed in the form of subscribe with the beautiful the placed in the form of subscribe with the beautiful the placed in the form of subscribe with the beautiful the beautiful the beautiful the beautiful the beautiful the bea

to secure one.

Mr. Belyet informed him that it was lumpossible to change the manner in which the city should grant gid in the project—the petition settled that matter, oncentrated medicine only. Carter's Little Liver Pills. Very small; very easy to take; no palu; no griplug; no purgiag.

railways, which had been started on a small amount of capital.

A desultory discussion then ensued and before going into committee of the whole to recensider the by-law, Mayor Redfern observed that he had not heard a single argument advanced to make him change his opinion that it was necessary in the city's interest that the sum which the company should be required to possess—\$503,000—should be insisted upon. The following clause was then considered:

ered:
"Provided, however, that the corpora "Provided, however, that the corpora-tion shall incur no Hability in respect to-its subscription for the said shares un-less and until the company shall have either by the sale of its shares or by municipal, provincial or federal cash bonuses, cash grants or guarantees in aid of the construction of the said under-taking, secured to it for the purpose of its undertaking a sum of not less than \$500,000."

After some discussion the words

ngent and get the necessary money and the city would have practically no security.

Ald, Brydon thought that as long as the city had control of the project those words would not matter much.

Ald, Beckwith then moved that the amount which the company should be required to have in hand be reduced from \$500,000 to \$200,000, the motion electing a very spirited discussion, many of the arguments advanced by speakers reported above being repeated. Ald, Kinsman objected to the hurried manner in which the by-law was being pushed through—it was different with the Port Angeles scheme. The motion was negatived on the following vote: Ayes—Ald, Brydon, Beckwith and Stewart. Noes—Ald, Kinsman, Cameron, Hayward, MacGregor and Humphrey.

Ald, Beckwith was indignant at the result of the vote and wanted the committee to rise without reporting progress, but in the hope that the council might again reconsider the matter it was finally decided to rise and report progress, after which the council adjourned.

SCENE IN FRENCH COURT.

Accused in Conspiracy Cases Attempt to Shout Down the Counsel for Prosecution.

Prosecution.

Paris, Dec. 26.—The public prosecutor this afternoon began his opening speech before the high court (senate) in the conspiracy cases. He reviewed the evidence, which he said showed the conspiracy was. More dangerous than when the Compte de Paris so forgot the traditions of his family as to join hands with Gen. Roulanger.

This evoked noisy protests from the audience and the excited M. Jules Guerin called upon the president of the council, Mr. Fallieres, not to permit the prosecutor to indulge in such "insulting remarks," but the prosecutor continued, saying that the same men who conspired ton years ago had again plotted to overthrow the republic. The Compte de Paris, he added, was dead, but the Duc d'Orleans popsued the same system. The remarks of the prosecutor were soon drowned by the vehement interruptions of the prisoners. M. Fallieres rang his bell to restore order and eventually the prosecutor was heard to declare that he had decided, owing to want of evidence, of abandon the prosecution of six of the risoners. M. Chevilly, Frenchen-Court, Brunet, Cailly, Bourmont and Balliere. He then vecapitulated the story of the anti-Republican machinations of the Duc d'Orleans and his agent M. Buffet. The latter violently protested and an uproar ensued, many of the senators demanding M. Buffet's expulsion. Three of the prisoners, Cailly, Brunett, and Jules Guiles, then skonted if M. Buffet was expelled from the decision they would also wish to be expelled. Perfect pandemorisum regned. Finally the count in secret session decided to expel Buffet and chally until their counsel's speech for their defence.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Movements of Well Known Victorians and Gossip of Recent Hotel Arrivals.

Theo Lubbic returned on the Walla Walla on Monday from California.
W. N. Winsby and N. E. McKeown returned yesterday from a visit to the Sound cities.

R. F. Tolmie, secretary of the Mine Own-

Joseph Martin M. P. P., after a flying visit to Winsipeg, left for the Coast yes-terday.

the company would raise the balance of money necessary to build the road.

Mr. Belyen said that no difficulty would be experienced in raising the money required and cited as example the building of the large transcontinental railways, which had been started on a small amount of capital. Bankrupt Stock

OF BOOTS and SHOES

JEWELL BLOCK, COR. YATES AND DOUGLAS STS.

LOCAL NEWS.

Died at Christmas .- Numerous friende and acquaintances throughout the prov-ince will learn with regret of the death, in North Saanich, of William Henry in rooth Saanich, of William Henry Thistic, for some years engaged in the salozu business in this sity, and since then one of the representative fasmers of Victoria district, his bome being on Cadhoro Bay road, near the agricultural hall. Mr. Thiste's death was quote untaking, secured to the second strain a \$500,000."

After some discussion the words "cash" in the fifth line were struck out and the words "or have and otherwise" before the word "secured" in the seventh line inserted.

Ald, Hayward was of the opinion that the by-law was utterly useless if those words were inserted as it permitted the company to put up bonds with a financial agent and get the necessary money and agent and get the necessary money and agent and get the necessary money and secured by the I, O. O. F. to-morrow afternoon, the interment being at Ross Bay cemebry.

forts the Array is putting forth in this direction to relieve deserving cases of need, and patronize the yard. As has been explained in the Colonist before, the Army officials do not encourage mendicants. When an able-bodied person applies to them for assistance, he is at once given food or sinciter, but he is required to work for what he gets. A fair value is set upon his work, and the wood that he cuts is for sale at current prices. Latterly there have been numerous applicants to the Army officers for work of any kind, and these officers would be giad to have the names and addresses of any citizens who are willing to give employment to men to whom the fates have been unkind, and who only ask the opportunity to carn an honeat living. There are at present an average of twelve applicants ger night for lodging in the shelter.

THE VANCOUVER RIFLES.

Batgalion Order to Give Effect to Trans

The News-Advertiser of Vancouver prints battalion orders dated December 23, issued by Lieut-Col. Worsnop, commanding the Sixth battalion, Rifles, giving the following details for the transformation recently ordered:

1. In accordance wiff G. O. the battalion will henceforth be divided into six companies, each having the following establishment: Capterin, 1; lieutenant, 1; second lieutenant, 1; second lieutenant, 1; second sergeant, 1; sergeants, 2; c-mprell, 3; lance-corporals, 3; bugler, 1; privates, 40. The regimental staff will consist of lieutenant-colonel commanding, 1; second in command, 1; major, 1; adjutant, 1; paymaster, 1; quartermaster 1; surgeon-minjor, 1; surgeor-lieutenant (supernumerary). 1; battalion sergeant-major, 1; quartermaster-sergeant, 1; ordered and supernumerary). 1; battalion sergeant-major, 1; auguster-sergeant, 1; ordered and supernumerary). 1; battalion sergeant-major, 1; auguster-sergeant, 1; ordered and sergeant-major, 1; auguster-sergeant-major, 1; auguster-se

numerary). 1; battation sergement-major, 1; quartermaster-sergement, 1; band-master, 1; paymaster-sergezzit, 1; orderly room clerk, 1; corporal medical orderly, 1; band sergeant (supernumerary); 1;.

2. In accordance with R. & O., 1898, companies will be designated by letters as follows, and will be composed of: A and B in Westmirster; C, D, E and If in Vancouver.

3. Captain J. Reymolds Tire is, at his own request, relieved of the duties of adjutant, and returns to daty as a company officer.

parry officer:

4.4. Major C. C. Bermett will act as ad

parry officers.

4.1 Major C. C. Bernett will act as adjutant until further orders.

5. Major Lacy R. Tohason will take the duties of second in command, and Major J. C. Whyte those of junior major, until further orders.

6: Company officers are posted as follows: A Company, Capt. Henderson, Lieut. Johnson; B. Company, Lieut. Dockrill, second lieutenant (provisionally). Grant: C. Company, Capt. Boultlice; D. Company, Capt. Tite. Second Lieut. Tite. Second Lieut. (provisionally); Worst, J. Boyd: F. Company, Lieut. Strart, Lieut. J. Boyd: F. Company, Lieut. Alroy d. Second Lieut. (provisionally); Worst, op.

9: Major Lacy R. Johnson will have special oldar ge of C. D. E and F companies, and Major J. C. Whyte, of A and B companies, but officers commanding companies must correspond directly with leating to be a second directly with leating the leating

B comparies, but officers commanding companies must correspond directly with battalion head autrers on all business affecting their companies.

14. Officers commanding companies will arrange for the proper instruction of their companies, special attention being pad to "setting up drill and physical training Infantry Drill, 1896, Part I."

15. Unless otherwise engaged the leadquarters drill shed will be available on Saturday evenings for Morris tube patients, and officers commanding companies will pay special attention to the musicatry instruction of their men-on all occasions, as laid down in "Musicatry"

LOST—A gold bracelet (Sunday evening) or Johnson street, between Douglas and Qua dra streets, Finder will be rewarded by leaving at Mrs. Clay's, 39 Fort street, d2: LOST—On Saturday between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., a hady's gold watch, with bine enamed on the face of the state o

I. O. O. F.

NOTICE.

The officers and members of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, 1, O. O. F., are requested to assemble at their lodge room, Douglas street, on Thursday, Dec. 28, at 1:30 p.m. samp for the purpose of attending the functual of Brother William Henry Thistic of this lodge. Members of sister lodges and sojewrning brethren are invited to attend. Ry order of the Noble Grand, FREDERICK DAVEY, Secretary,

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KINGSTOII ST. Two-storey dwelling and bit 60x129, James Bay, for \$1900. \$300 cash, balance at 6 per cont. Apply 40 Government St.

CHATHAM ST. Cottage and double front bet, \$1000. \$100 cash and balance on time. This is cheaper than paying rent. Apply 30 Government St.

PARRY ST. James Bey. Four two-story dwellings, always let, producing \$25 per month. Open to offer. Apply 40 Government St.

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DALEAS ROAD AND MONTREAL ST. Bungalow and small two-storey house in rear, 32500. Easy terms: Apply 40 Gov-erament St.

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FOURTH ST. 214 acres. Has been under cultivation. Frice \$2500. \$250 down, bal-nice on time, with interest at 6 per cent, Apply 40 Government St. WILKINSON ED. 12 acres, dweiling, bases, etc., all under cultivation, \$2000.
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RICHMOND AND COWAN AVE. One acre under cultivation; fruit, etc. Two-story modern dwelling, \$2500. \$250 cash and \$250 per annum, with Interest at 6 per cent. Apply 40 Government St. 111

DENMAN ISLAND—160 acres containing evidence of coall \$750; terms, apply 4 Government street.

KANE STREET. Lot and three houses, all rented, \$3600. Basy terms. Apply 40 old mil

BRCAD-AND PANDORA STS, open to offer on easy terms. Government St. AND ALA ST. 14 acre let and twe-sto dwelling, \$1500. Exceptionally eaterms. Apply 40 Covernment St. n

CADBORO BAY ROAD. 34 acres, near Exhibition Buildings, \$1050. Easysterms, Apply 40 Government St; n11.

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HARRISON ST. Lot and nice cottage, \$1750, \$250 cash and bolance at 0 per cent. Apply 40 Government St. nit

GOVERNMENT AND JOHN STREETS
-Two lots; fine 2-story dwelling; large
new barn; cheap at \$2,750; easy terms, Apply 40 Government etree1.

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HUMBOLDT STREET: Ore lot, with water from open to offer, sale or lease. Apply 40 Government St. n11

PME, ARM. Discress-cleared, water front time site for bungalow; electric light, and water pipes running, past premises. Whole amount of purchase money may remain on mortgage at 6 per cent. \$3000 Apply 40 Government St.

SOMENOS DIST, 180 acros. Two miles from Station, \$600. Terms, it recessary Apply 40 Government St. 11

CEDAR HILL. Tyndall Ave., 56 acres as a whole, or in five-acres blocks. \$50 per arre. Well adapted for fault sand chicken tanch. \$10 per acre down, and balance in feur annual pagements, with laberest at 6 per cent. Apply 40 Government St. 111 SAHTLAM DIST, 160 acres, near Dun-cans, 30 acres cleared. Trank road and never-falling stream runs through prop-erty. \$1000. Terms. Apply 40 Govern ment St.

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ESQUIMART DISTRICT—Near Lagoon half mile from sea, 300 acres for \$500. This is, extremely cheep. Apply 40 Gov-ernment street. CHARLES STREET. 111

QUAMICHAN DIST. 220 neres. Three niles from Duncans Station. Good soil. Stream of water on this property. Settable for milk ranch or fruit farm. Apply 40 Government St. 111

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rents if necessary. Apply 40 Government St. d21
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GORGE ROAD. Four acres and two-story dwelling with all modern conveniences. Flac view. Very suitable home. \$12500. Terms. Apply 40 Government St. n11
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OUTER WHARF. Three lots, with water frontage. Good location for factory or ship yard. \$5500. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St. n11

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JOHNSON STREET—Above Douglas, lot-00x120, three-storey brick and basetzent 00x100, well located for Factory of any-kind, only \$10,000 bxccptionally easy terms. Apply 40 dovernment 24.

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OAK BAY AVENUE. Just below Rockland Avenue. Four lets, \$1,200, your own.
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cleared ready for plough, \$1,500. Easy
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Stores and offices to let in all parts of the diby. Farms for sale in all parts of the Province. Call and see our list of proper these for sale and to reas. B. C. LAND AND AND AND AND AND ENTAIENT AGENCY, 40 Government

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A LADY will give services in return for room and board, Address M. C., Colonist office. WANTED—A middle-aged woman to do the work of a 4-roomed house; wages \$10 her month; good home to right person. Apply C. T., this office.. d27

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VANTED—To purchase at once, privately, quantity of household furniture. Bennett Lake, Colonist office. 027

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FOR SALE. ON'T FORGET If you want a nice tar-key or goose for the New Year we bave them. No two prices, Ev. 7, use charged the same, Robert Eccles, City Mar-ket. 22

FOR SALE—Three lots and house on Fis-guard street, near Blanchard—\$1,900, \$500 down. Apply J. F. Foulkes & Co., 35 Fort street.

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FOR SALE-The steamer Alarm, 34 tons hunden, fitted with fine compound engiases. For particulars apper Wm. Tur-yel, Central Salpyard. d13-

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FOR SALE—A complete assay plant; a bargain, Terms to responsible party. Cuthbert & Co. HOPSI HOGSI-Or dairy prairle land, 244 acres, half mile frontage, on Fraser river, chenp. Also choice building lots on Stan-ley avenue. Wm. Andean. d12

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FOR SALE—Two or three of the most de-sirable building loss in city, with a front-age of 112 feet on the Dailgs Road. Ad-dress A. C. West, Adelphi Building.

OF ALL WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS

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THREE STAR

Special to the Colonist.

Simcoe, Dec. 26—Toe Peddell, a farmer living a short distance west of Simcoe, became intoxicated while in town and drove into the river with a horse and rig. Peddell and the horse were both drowned.

irowned. Winnipeg, Dec. 26.—George Davis, a lruggist of Napanka, died yesterday from the effects of in overdose of morphine while delirious from the effects of fever.

A BANK'S SUBSCRIPTION.

THE POLICE READY.

Montreal, Dec. 26.—(Special)—James Burnett, a prominent citizen, lost his life yesterda, as the result of a run-

VANCOUVER NEWS.

XASLO.

Miss McTaggart has resigned her position as teacher in the public school and left this morning for hen home in Vietoria, where she intends residing in future. During her stay of over toyears in Kaslo Miss McTaggart and many friends, who regret departure, and her efforts among children will not soon be forgetten. On Monday afternoon as it was growing dusk an Italian mamed Louigi Roberts got into a quarrel with John Huskee

erts got into a quarrel with John Husbe and threw a razor at him. The Italian then ran around behind the Kootenaian office and made some remarks to Mayor Harthr's boys, who, seeing he had the razor, ran up the steps leading to their home above this office, and the Italian tollowed them. For a few minutes there was excitement in the Mayor's fieme, but the Italian turned and fied back down the stairs, with our worthy mayor in full pursuit. He ran down Water street and along the lake shore, followed by half a dozen men. Chief Chapman, hearing of the disturbance, was soon in pursuit, and having been fold that the Italian had a knife and gun, got his revolver in readiness, and when he ran by him struck him with his cane. The Italian turned about, as if to retaliate, when the Chief took a shot at him, which had the desired effect of bringing him to a standstill. Roberts was brought before Magistrate Carney on Tuesday, who gave him the option of a fine of \$20, or \$30 days' imprisonment, At present he is in gaol, and expects to pay the fine in a day or two. The prischer stated that he was drunk and did not remember anything of the affair.—

The EIGHT HOUR MOULDEN.

THE EIGHT-HOUR INQUIRY.

Commissioner Hears at Kaslo Further Ill Effects of Legislative Meddling.

From the Kootenaian, Dec. 21.

From the Kootenalan, Dec. 21.

On Friday evening last Commissioner R. C. Clute arrived in Kaslo on the steamer International and at 9 o'clock held a meeting in the City hall. His coming was not made known until Friday morning and then only by a few type written notices stuck up around the city, so that there was little time to prepare on either side.

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M. Stevenson was the first one to be sworn and he stated that he had been mining all his life. He believed that a man could accomplish as much work in eight hours as in ten and had had experience both as a miner and employer, and as either preferred the eight-hour and worked better under the eight-hour shift. Had mined Indaho and Montana. He did not know of any breech of the alien labor law.

S. S. Connauton of the Lodestar Company, was sworn. He stated that his company were working nine or ten men up Hall creek and that he found that the cost of development was about 20 per cent, more working the eight-hour shift than the ten. That is when working three eight-hour shifts each man would lose about one hour as it was impossible for the men to return within an hour after a blast. Believed that better results were accomplished with two shifts ad day than three, and that conscientious men would do more work in ten hours shan in eight. Had heard coal miners in England talk of working time and ten lours but knew nothing positive. Was

and any shan three, and that conscientious men would do more work in ten hours than in eight. Had heard coal miners in England talk of working une and ten hours but knew nothing positive. Was not a miner and had only been in the mining bushess since his coming to Kaslo in July dast, and was one of the owners of the Lodestar.

G. O. Buchanan stated that the eighthour legislation had seriously affected his lumber business and produced figures showing that in the months from June 1 to November 30, 1898, his payroll showed 252 months' work at the mill, amounting to \$8,047; shipments of lamber over the K. & S. Ry. to mines, \$11,-741,57. Whilst for the same period in 1899 there was only 154 months' labor, amounting to \$5,500 and the lumber shipped over the K. & S. Ry. amounted to \$486,65. He knew of no other reason why the amount should not have been in excess of last year.

The commissioner asked Mr. Buchanan, as president of the board of trade, to state the effect the law had on the city, and Mr. Buchanan replied that he knew of different instances where capitalists refused to invest and knew of one different instances where capitalists refused to invest and knew of one different instances where capitalists refused to invest and knew of one different instances where capitalists refused to invest and knew of one different instances where capitalists refused to invest and knew of one different instances where capitalists refused to invest and knew of one different instances where capitalists refused to invest and knew of one different instances where capitalists refused to invest and knew of one of the commissioner.

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were about to purchase and spend hundreds of thousands of dollars in the Lardo-Duncan district but did not on account of this law. The construction of the Kaslo & Lardo-Duncan and Candida Ca

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	Amn. Cotton Oil	32%
	Amn, Tobacco	901
	Amn. Sugar	124
	Anaconda	3614
r	A. T. & S. F., all paid	1814
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Chlcago, Dec. 26,—Wheat closed: 64%c.; May 69%c., July 69%c. Corn 30%c., Jan. 30%c. May 33c. Oats-24%c., May 23%c.

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mous. Dunbar saw a mounted Zulu chiet approaching. The wairrlor rushed up to the very muzzles of the rifles, but he got no farther, for Dunbar shot blim through the head, the builte, hitting another Zulu who was behind the chief.

After that, with, eight, successive shots, Dunbar killed as many Zulus, shooting them as they came on to the attack round a ledge of hill. It was only by such desperate personal fighting as this that Rorke's drift was held until reinforcements came, and that the handful of defenders prevented a repetition, on a far larger scale, of the butchery of Isandhiwana—the Hill of the Little Hund.

Sir Evelyn Wood, V.C., ia his fascinating reminiscences of the Crimean war, tells an awful, but stirring story of a Guardsman

ardes of thousands of dollars in the Lardo-Dunean district but did not on account of this law. The construction of the Kaslo & Lardo-Dunean and Canadian Pacific rallways had brought considerable business to Kaslo and furnish demployment, so that Kaslo has not suffered as it otherwise would larve done, but a great deal of business would otherwise help the board of trade for their to commiced the board of trade for their successful to the board of trade for their successful committees. Here the commissioner took occasions to the streets and elsewhere, and that an entire change Sad taken place. He said that they had bot as yet reached any to committee they and better they would not like to think that they would not while in Sardon. Whereupon Mr. Koeu stated that a copy of their report as a committee had been prepared for the commissioner but was not to be made public, as only the Miners' Union, the Eliver Lead Mines Association and Mr. Clute were voted the privilege of seeing the report.

As there were no others desirous of giving evidence the meeting was closed. The commissioner stated that while hermained in Kaslo he would be willing to heav what anyone had to say, but while ever side they represented they must be remained in Kaslo he would be willing to heav what anyone had to say, but while ever side they represented they must be remained by some one opposed to their views.

Finance and Commerce

Finance and Commerce and the stock exchanges in London and Germany were an influence towards dullness,

from that shee valor for which alone this priceless decoration is awarded. Only two or three instances can be quoted here. They are typical,

There was Private Norman, who, in the Crimea, at the close of 1854, was doing single sentry at a lonely spot-and at midnight, too. It was the sort of post from which some of the bravest of our troops have bolted, and for nothing. But the undaminght, too. It was the sort of post from which some of the British postilon. At the supreme moment—that is, when the lone sentined and the trio were almost face to face—Norman rushed forward and in an instant had a couple of the enemy in his grant. These he marched off to the picker, but the third man escaped.

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The absence of exciting news from the seat of war does not prove that very important work is not in progress there. A very rigorous censorship is being exercised, and in addition to this the pressure of official and commercial business greatrestricts the capacity of the two cables to deal with despatches. It is safe to assume, however, that no very important event has taken place or we would have heard of it. Nothing has been heard from Gen. French's column for several days. The last news represented him as moving slowly towards Colesburg from Arundel, Lxcept that Gen, Buller moved his camp a short disforcements are being sent forward to Buller, who will now find himself confronted with Joubert, the Boer leader being able to take the field again. Ger. Gatacre reports that he has retaken Dortrecht. This is interesting, especi-Dortrecht. ally as the Boer force retired without making any opposition. Dortrecht is a railway terminus north of the Stormberg range. It is reached by a branch of the road from East London. The occupation of this point renders it possible for Gatacre to move a portion of his command around the Boer position at Stormberg Junction if he the ks it advisable to do so. Gen. Methy , reports all quiet at Moddor River, and he is said to have his big Naval guns so posted as to command the whole Boer position. The news that his wounded are rejoining him shows that his lines of communication are fully open.

It is reported again that the Free Staters are growing disaffected. There may be something in this, and perhaps their retirement from Dortrecht is at-tributable to a feeling that they have been fighting long enough, but it is as well to take stories of this kind with many grains of allowance. The Free Staters must realize that they have need-lessly engaged in a quarrel that can have only one outcome.

THE END OF THE CENTURY.

The Pope proposes that, so far as papal chronology goes, the present year shall end the nineteenth century. We are rather sorry that the world generally will not accept the decision of His Holiness. Of course theoretically the cen-tury will not end until the close of next year, but as the Christian era is a purely arbitrary arrangement, which is even supposed to have begun at the birth of Christ, each century might very con veniently be made to end with the 99 It is true that there never was a year 0; but then we know that in point of fact there never was a year 1; that is there never was a year when people wrote the date A.D. 1. A correspondent asks where the new year will begin. This is also an arbitrary arrangement, but for convenience it is understood that the time changes at 180 degrees from Green wich, Chatham Island in the South Pa cific ocean is the first land to see the sun rise on a new day. At 8 p.m. Victoria time it is midnight on Chatham Island, and consequently the new year will begin there immediately after 8 p.m. of our

MINES AND MINERS.

At the investigation made by Mr. Clute at Rossland some very interesting and important facts were brought out. Mr. Bernard McDonald, general manager of the B. A. C.'s properties, was one of the chief witnesses. He went into details of cases where, to his own knowledge, the passage of the eight-hour law had driven out Eastern Canadian capitalists, and said that the fear of further legislation along the same lines had absolutely prevented large sums of money from being invested here. He gave some statistics showing the investments of his company in this province, which have an important bearing upon

not take it into consideration. Here then, we have two mining concerns which maintain the city of Rossland and the town of Trail at their present pros perity, and it is surely not unreasonable to say that in framing legislation for the control of mining, something else ought to have been considered than the debeen dissatisfied with the conditions under which they worked a year ago. Surely before a law, that was calculated to have a radical effect upon the profits of mining, was placed on the statute book, some effort ought to have been made to ascertain what its effect would be upon that extremely important indus-

We do not propose to discuss in this article the claim made that the eighthour law ought not in fact to interfere with the mining industry. All the competent witnesses examined by Mr. Chuic have, so far as we have seen, agreed that it does. The point which we want to make is that legislation, calculated to embarrass and discourage the investment of capital, or which may have the tendency to compel the owners to close a few shells into the Boer position on the Tugela, the operations of the Natal force are being kept secret. It seems to be taken for granted that heavy reinforcements are being sent forward. with sufficient courage and patriotism to do what is right, regardless of conse The time has passed lemagoguery and personal ambition to be allowed to dictate the policy of the province. We need a premier, a cabinet and a legislature that will grapple with the question without any regard to political consequences, and give the province a law that will meet the reasonable wishes of both miners and mine-owners We are confident that this can be done.

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Mr. McDonald in his testimony depricated any attempt to prefer skilled miners from coming into this province, for this would greatly retard mining development. He said that we must look chiefly to the United States for skilled miners. Mr. Kirby took the same position. He said that we must look chiefly to the United States for skilled miners. Mr. Kirby took the same position. He said it is impossible to develop rapidly the mining industry of this province without the aid of miners from the United States. Canada can only supply a very limited number. None of the companies are importing labor. We quote the concluding part of Mr. Kirby's evidence, as reported by the Rossland Miner:

The majority of mines do not pay, but are sinking mease in the effort to find pay ore. Any increase of their burden discourages or steps the enterprise. A large pay mine, like any other producing business is a complicated affair, delicatively adjusted to is conditions. A slight change is enough to destroy its profits and the precedence will "lift he pose shall large golden e.g." A difference of two-tends in the labor received for wages amounts to a profit in itself, Pew mines can standause ha burden if it is imposed upon them. It unable to get relief by the contracts shing objected to. Contracts did not greatly exceed the general wage paid, the miners would be ended. The great industry will be made, the miner would be remoted, the miner would be supposed to a contracts at all and the system would be ended. The great induced the general wage paid, the miners would be ended. The great induced the process of the purpose of opening up the minor of the skift boss received of the formal process and the men work hard to earn good pay, and there is no loading about. If the men do not carn more than the averages wages, the foreman would not be also to take contracts at all and the system would be ended. The great induced the process of the purpose of opening up the miner of the purpose of opening up the miner of the formal process of the purpose

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> London Daily Telegraph doubts if ever a country was so divested of its male population as is the Transvaal. "It is a land of women and girls, boys under 15, and a few old men. The rest are at the front in Natal or across the western border." He adds that judges have been doing duty at Pretoria as police-Johannesburg, Pretoria Bioemfontein are alleged on good authority to be deserted cities. For a historical parallel we must go back to the cities of Greece during the Trojan war.

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[By Mr. Napier Denison.]

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The Williams B. C. Directory will be published about the 1st of April or sooner, completely revised and corrected up to date. A complete index of the Mineral Act of 1896, with Revised Statutes as amended 1898 and 1899; also index to Placer Mining Act, 1891, and amendments of 1899-1900, if any, will be a new feature.

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Cor. Yates and Douglas Streets Nicolaye officiating. Miss Gillis, a sister of the bride, supported her at the altar, while the groom was attended by Mr. M. F. Hennelley.

The Cathedral Treat.—The children of Christ Church cathedral are to enjoy their Christmas tree and treat on Thursday evening of this week, the holiday exercises commencing with a special service at the cathedral at 6:45.

Fifty Years Together.—Out in Lake district on Saturday evening last the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander celebrated Christmas and a golden wedding coincidently. There was a large and harmonious gathering of triends, to gether with the family, inclusive of twenty-one grandchildren.

For the Horses' Benefit.—A very interesting programme is being arranged for an entertainment to be given at the Metchosin public hall on Friday evening next, in aid of the fund to provide for the erection of sheds for the horses and carriages of those attending churches or meetings of any nature at Metchosin.

A Conflict of Evidence.—The trial of William Ferguson and Louis Morris for the theft of a scaling boat belonging to It. K. Tubbs, was under investigation in camera before the city police magistrate the greater part of yesterday, a remand until this morning being ordered eventually. The defence is that the boat was found adrift; while the prosecutor claims that it had been violently wrenched from its moorings.

Have Their Suspicions.—A dalse alarm from the corner of Humboldt and Rupert street: gave the fire department a uscless run on Christmas night, the manner in which the box had been left strongly indicating that the same fakir had been at work who called the brigade to Cormorant and Store streets on Saturday night last. The firemen as well as the police have their suspicions as to his identity, and if he is apprehended it will fare ill for him.

Goldstream School Closes.—The Goldstream public school closed for the holidays on Friday last, when the rooms were very tastefully decorated for the closing exercises, consisting of scong, recitations, dialogues, etc., and many parents and friends attended. A Christmas tree well laden with toys and more useful gifts for the children was provided by the teacher; and short addresses were given by the trustees and other interested visitors, all testifying to the very efficient manner in which Miss X. S. Johnston has performed her responsible duties since taking charge of the school.

Too Cute for Freedom.—If Lee Wong Sing could only circumvent the Chinese exclusion laws of the United States, he would have a career open to him in any of the larger American cities as a first-class confidence man. Yesterday he was in the city police court, charged with a theft of twenty cents, and was committed for thirty days. He had entered a fish store and made a purchase, utilizing his opportunity while the dealer was putting up his modest purchase, to tap the till. The probability is that he would not have been discovered had he not had the audacity to tender a twenty-cent piece in payment that he had just stolen, and which the dealer recognized.

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cent piece in payment that he had justicle, and which the dealer recognized.

Extensive Addition.—Extensive improvements will be made at an early date in the Vernon Block on the corner of Douglas and View streets. Mr. Forbes G. Vernon, the owner of the building, encouraged by the success which has attended the operating of the hotel under the management of Mrs. Walt, has now before him plans for extensive additions to his property. These include another story to the structure and some alterations to the ground floor apartments. The bar which was run in connection with the building when the Vernon was first opened but which for the past few years has not been running will almost immediately, it is understood, be refitted and put in operation in order to meet the demands of the increased patronage accorded the house under the able management of Mrs. Walt, who, while looking after the Dallas, will still continue to supervise affairs at the Vernon.

Charistmas at Telegraph Bay,—The cus-

Statutes as amended 1898 and 1890; also index to Placer Mining Act, 1891, and amendments of 1890-1900, if any, will be a new feature.

In the Field.—A municipal election without Mr. Maurice Humber among the aldermanic candidates would be an unheard of thing in Victoria. In order that precedent shall not be departed from the genial ex-alderman announces himself as a candidate in the North Ward at the approaching elections.

Come early and get your choice while there is a large assortment to pick from Perfames, Perfame Atomizers, Ebons Brushes, Mirrors, etc., Travelling Cases Dressing Cases and a host of other good things. F. W. Fawcett & Co., 49 Government street.

Christmas Weddings.—Among the several young couples who celebrated Christmas by uniting their fortunes for better or worse were Mr. W. Devereax, and Mrs. Mary Hall, and Mr. Harry Stoke and Miss Lizzie Deakin, the bride groom at the latter wedding being a prosperous young rancher of Manitoba.

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W. H. Barraclough by Children.

The Sunday school children of the Centennuai Methodist church on Sunday evening presented Rev. W. H. Barraclough, their paster, with a purse and the following address:
Rev. W. H. Barraclough:
Christmas time brings with it a source of pleasure and happiness to us all, and more especially so to the children, for at this time we expect and receive gifts from our parents and friends which makes as doubly happy. While we are thus so happy we must not forget that those who are older than ourselves should be made happy in return for what they have done for us and among us. Among these is our good friend Mr. Barraclough, who is held high in the esteem of us all, not only as a man but as our spiritual adviser and for the interest which he takes in all the children and for the object lessons to us in teaching us the way to live for our Saviour; and done for us, with the assistance of our dear friend, Mr. Shakespeare, we have gathered together a little token to present to you on this occasion which we lask you to accept on behalf of the Sunday school children. I now take the pleasure u presenting you with the little purse and its contents.

Signed on behalf of the scholars of the Centendal Sunday school.

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That Burning Holes in Their Backs
Does Not Cause Any Pain.

Professor George O. Clark, secretary to President Jordan of Stanford University, has taken it upon himself to make reply to the charges of barbarous cruelly preferred against the American seal branders by Collector A. R. Milne, C. M. G., of this city.

"It is amusing," said Professor Clark in a published interview, "to notice that when the shoe begins to pinch they immediately set app 'their cry. Collector Milne is exactly right in his statements. The branding is done to destroy the skins and harrass the Canadian sealers. There is no suffering whatever. The seal has a covering of at least two inches of blubber which does not contain one single nerve and very few blood vessels. When the seals were branded they did not even pay attention to their wound, but ran off playing the next moment. They are not a nervous animal, and are very hard to frighten.

"The one thing which may give cause to this argument is that the scalb does not remain, but is continuously washed away by sea water. This leaves apparently a bad wound, but in reality prevents any disease setting in. When the seals come on land the new skin cracks from the sun, and this of course is irritating, but they don't show any suffering. It is nothing like the branding of calves or coits. We made severe tests the first year, but not one pap died of it. If the British collector wishes to rest on a matter of sentiment, his attention might be called to the count we made of sixteen thousand pups starved to death on the islands, their mothers having been killed by Canadian sealers."

Annual Meeting.—The adjourned annual meeting of the British Columbia Agricultural and Industrial Association will be held this evening at the city hall, for the election of officers.

Another Christmas Bride.—At the residence of Mr. E. A. Woff last evening Right Rev. Bishop Cridge performed the interesting ceremony that made Miss Fannie Leech, daughter of the late Peter Leech of this city, another of the Christmas brides, the husband of her choiching Mr. William Felker, of Cariboo. The bride was given away by Mr. Wolff and attended by Miss May Wolff, Mr. George Snider supporting the groom. The bridal gown was of rich Duchesse silk, appropriately trimmed, and the bride wore as ornamenata magnificent diamond necklace, pin and pendant—she gifts of the groom. Mr. and Mrs. Felker will spend their honeymoon in California.

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A Big Storm In Alaska.

Traffic on the White Pass and Yukon Railway Blocked For Four Days.

Dawson Telegraph Line Down-Rich Diggings Found on the Indian River.

After a very rough trip from Skagway the steamer Tees, Capt. Gosse, arrived yesterday noon with 15 passengers, n few of whom were from Dawson. Those who came to Victoria were J. N. Dick and wife, Capt. A. F. Woodhouse and wife, Dr. C. B. Scharschmidt and wife, C. M. Larsen, B. F. Sherman, J. Patterson, W. Dougherty, P. Hensen, W. Sandalls; and from Skeena Capt. F. P. Armstrong, J. Hilton and M. Hilton. The Tees was a little late in arriving,

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The Tees was a fittle late in arriving, owing to the fact that she waited three days at Skagway for the train with mails from Dawson, 23 bags coming down. No train was run for four days on the when. Pass & Yukon railway, traffic grow and No train was run for four days on the White Pass & Yukon railway, traffic being blocked by a very severe snow and wind storm which tasted from the 18th to the 22nd inst. To make matters worse the engines which were pushing the rotary snow plough were buried in a snow slide, the removal of the snow from the track releaving that on the mountain sides. The engines and plough were damaged. The engines were buried beneath about twelve feet of snow. Fortunately no one was hurt, although the passengers were greatly inconvenienced, food having to be taken up to them by teams. Some walked back to Skagway, One of the latter, P. Oregon, was found in a snowshed with his face and thands badly frozen. A Skagway paper referring to the accident said:

"The train on which the passengers came from Bennett followed the rotary and was pushed by two engines. When the plough was a mile south of the switchback it cut out the lower part of the accumulated face of snow on the mountain side. This loosened the mass above, and it come down with a rush, burying the plough and the locomotives out of sight. The passenger train behind was not touched by the slide. There was fifteen feet of snow in the cut.

"Those who walked from the blockad-

train behind awas not touched by the slide. There was fifteen feet of snow in the cut.

"Those who walked from the blockad-ded train report that the snow was two feet deep on an average all along the line. After the rotary had been freed from the bank which buried her, she struck a boulder hidden in the snow, and of its twenty steel knives only seven were left. Food was secured by the stormbound people at the rate of 50 cents for a cup of coffee and sandwich on the train.

"The operator at Glacier reports that cae immense avalanche swept down the mountain covering 850 feet of the track and taking out five telegraph poles and prostrating the wires. Trees twelve inches were observed in the slide, and it is not known what else may be under the surface, and what is the condition of the track. The slide covers the track five to twenty feet deep.

"The Dawson wires have been down a week. That this wire has been paying is shown by the statement by one well in touch with the business of the line, that the receipts for the first two months it was in operation amounted to \$13,000."

August Wiltsekho was instantly killed while going to Juneau. He missed his footing and fell over a cliff. His body was frightfully mangled.

Wages are getting lower in Dawson men now working for \$5 a day and board. Lots of men can be had at these wages.

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"Swiftwater Bill" Gates led another stampede to a branch of the Indian river, which is said to be very rich.

Annual Treat.—The children of the Sunday school of Calvary Baptist church will hold their annual Christmas tree and entertainment this evening.

The Christmas Dance.—The members of the Y. M. I. and Y. L. I. councils join hands to-night and will together entertain their friends at a Christmas dancing party to be given in Institute hall.

Imperial Hotel.—The Imperial hotel, Theatre block, well deserves the name it bears, being furnished and appointed ju the most recherche style. It is re-

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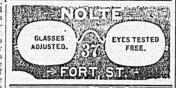
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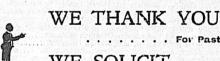
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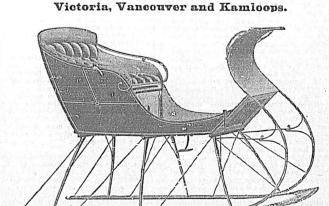
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Notice is bereby given that an application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at the next session thereof for an act to incorporate a company to construct, operate and maintain a line of railway from Victoria, British Columbia, or some other suitable point at or near the southern end of Vancouver Island to Hardy Buy or some other suitable point at or near the northern end of the said Island, with power to construct branch lines to any for the said Island, and as part of the said of the said Island, and as part of the said undertaking to acquire, lease or make traffic arrangements with existing railways on the said Island; and to operate and maintain lines of steamships and car ferrles between the said line of railway or any of the branches thereof and any point or points in British Columbia, the State of Washington, United States of America, and the Territory of Alaska, United States of America, to construct and maintain the control of the said privileges as may be necessary to carry out the object of the company. Duted at Victoria, B. C., October 12, 1899 Duted at Victoria, B. C., October 12, 1809 FRANK HIGGINS, Solicitor for the Applicants.

Re William Buckett, Deceased.

Pursuant to the "Trustees and Execu-ors Act," notice is hereby given that all debts, claims or demands upon or against the estate of William Buckett, deceased, who died on the 5th day of November, 1850, and of whose last will probate was on the 8th day of December, 1850, granted to Donald McLean, of Victoria, British Columbia, are hereby required to send particulars of their claims or demands to the "adersigned, on or before the 31st day of annay, 1960, vertied by startivory occlaration, after which date the executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to debts, claims and notice; and for the his shall then have had notice; and for the his shall then have had notice; and for the shall then have had notice. And all persons indebted to the estate of the said deceased arrequired forthwith to pay the amount of their debts respectively to the said executor. Dated this 13th day of December, 1899.

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Respectability and Stately Grandeu Characteristics in Sharp Contrast With Continental Courts.

"Fleeting flummerles" is the somewhat contemptuous expression which I once heard applied by an American acquaintance to quette of the court of St. James, says T Cunlife-Owen, in the Cosmopolitan.

Yet it is thanks to these "fleeting flum " that the court of St. James to-day meries' that the court of St. James to-day curjoys a greater degree of prestige on both sides of the Atlantic than any other court of the Old World. There is something distinctly shoddy about the Quirinal, where, in spite of the protests of Queen Margherita, people are constantly securing a presentation which would be refused to them elsewhere. The court of Venna has been deprived of most of the brilliancy since the tragic death of Crown-Prince Rudolph. There is a certain amount of parvenu atmosphere about the court of Berlin, owling perhaps to the fact that barely two hundred years have clapsed since the Hohen-zollerns possessed themselves of the crown of a king, and that their imperial diadem is less than thirty years of age. The court of St. Petersburg suffers atom the fact that it is crowded with people of inferior birth and breeding who are indebted to their rank in the military or civil service of the state for their admission to the presence of the Ozar; while the supper scene at the court ball in Madrid or Lisbon must be witnessed in order to conceive the spectace, and can be compared only to the irruption of a wild horde of voraclous travellers into the restaugant of some wayside enting-station on the transcontinental lines of the United States or Canada.

At the court of St. James, however, an enjoys a greater degree of prestige on both

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ceremoniousness prevails which practice has the effect of putting every on If not as an entree to society, at any rate as a diploma of perfect respectability and of social status, not only in Engiand, but likewise in every capital of Continental

royalty, and to maintain distinct the or King George IV. and King William sank to so low a level of respectability its prestige was almost on a par with of the court of Spain during the most days of Queen Isabella, Queen Victoria, her husbund, the late Prince Consortaing this condition of affairs, at once o work, not only to reorganize the enroyal household but likewise to recess he assets of cliquette calculated to thre royal household but likewise to re-es-tablish a system of etiquette calculated to purify the atmosphere of their court, and to restore its good name and grandeur. At the same time both Her Majesty and the Prince showed themselves possessed of a split sufficiently progressive and enlighten-ed to refrain from restoring laws of eti-quette that were no longer in keeping with the splrit of the age, and while moderniz-ing many of the rules of ceremony, and de-vising new ones, retained of old-time cus-toms and traditions all those that were characteristic and pieturesque. The guidharacteristic and picturesque. The guid ng motives of the Queen and of her con t in this matter were the determination place their court upon a footing of re ectability and

STATELY GRANDEUR

nensurate with the importance of th British Empire, and the necessity of re-pressing that extraordinary familiarity on

of duty by the foreign diplomatic corps, by the ministers of the crown, and by the dig-mitars: a of the royal household, while they etgoy by prescriptive right invitations—or, as they are styled, "royal commands"— to the state balls and state concerts. The drawing-rooms and levees are peculiar to the English court, and differ from the cere-

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mony or presentation at lottega coates. Drawing-rooms are held for the presenta-tion of ladies and invariably take place at Buckingham Palace, while in the same way the levees are organized for the purpose of enabling men to make their bow to that royal prince delegated to represent the Sovereign. Nor are the levees and drawing-Sovereign. Nor are the levees and drawingrooms solely held for the purpose of introducing strangers and debutantes to the
Monarch. They are likewise designed to ennble people already presented to royalty to
pay their respects, a sort of formal call to
the Sovereign. To English people the presentation at the levee or at a drawing-room
confers no prerogative, except the right of
presentation by English envoys at foreign
courts. In the case of foreigners presented
at the court of St. James, the embassy
which sponsors them is responsible for their
respectability. Where English people are
concerned, the presentee, no matter how
great the Importance and prestige of the
personage who does the presenting, is subjected by the lord chamberlain and his
officials to a series of

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which sometimes results in a refusal to
permit the presentation to take place. Admission to levees is refused to bankrupts, to
to men who have been involved in public or
private scandals, and to actors; the barrier
against those connected with the stage belng a relic of Elizabethan times, when
members of the dramatic profession were
officially rated as "menlals" and as "vagrants," Women are denied presentation
at drawing-rooms if they have figured in
divorce court proceedings, even as petitioners; and the Queen likewise objects
to titled ladies who are in trade, and to
actresses—though once the latter have
quitted the boards for good and all, Her
Majesty is quite ready to welcome them
to court, provided, of course, their conduct has been free from reproach. At alof these court functions the men present
are obliged to wear uniform of one kind
or another, the only exception being made
in favor of the American ambassador and of
the members of his staff, who are in plain
evening dress. The ordinary court dress
akes two forms, the selection of which is ted States or Canada.

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plete this costume, but nowacays it is lext.

off.

Levees are ordinarily held by the Prince
of Wales, who on his arrival in the throneroom of St. James' palace, first salutes the
other princes, and then greets the members
of the foreign diplomatic corps, who pass
before him in single file, being named as
they do so by the lord chamberlain. Then
follow the ministers of the crown, and they
subsequently all assemble at the farther

are admitted—that is to say, the people who have already been presented and mere

PAY THEIR RESPECTS

the Prince, and those who are being

presented and who merely wish to pay their homage, and those presented for the first time, pass in single file before the Sovereign, or before the royal princess delegated to represent her, the names being read out. By the Lord Chamberlain, When the Queen is present, the lady, in addition the low court-courtesy accorded to the royal princesses, is required to kiss Herrican the lightest possible fashion with the lightest possible fas

corded by royalty, are omitted when the given and propore this remedy without degree and process that the proposed causes established by Dr. Chase's Ointment is unparalled in the his taste of this torturing and loathsome disease.

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complexion; the American-born Lady Grey-Egerton; Lord Coventy's da interpretations of the process of the Coventy's da interpretations of the process of the Coventy's da interpretation of the great Irish house of Beresford; the "Simon says" at an opposing player Lady "Birdle Steven the charming thumby "the country daughter of Lord and Lady Londonderry, three such in the coventy of the time the ladies reach "the coventy of the coventy of t

TAKE A SNAP-SHOT

at the royal group, as she was rettring courtesying from the dais, having smuggled a camera into the throne-room among her flowers.

The Queen was so indignant at this piece of impertinence that she caused this young lady's presentation to be cancelled. The Queen is very particular about the decolletage of the dresses afterding the drawing-room, and application or permission of wear high; and provided the state of the dresses afterding the drawing-room, and application or permission. effect that Her Majesty would dispense with her presence until her hair had grown

again. It is a great mistake to imagine, as s many people appear to do, that everyhody who is admitted to presentation at a draw-ing-room or a levee becomes jipso facto entitled to invitations at court balls and state concerts. The lists of the discovering the concerts of the discovering the discove

was displeasing to the Queen. Again a

be chatting, when so up "God Save the Queen." From a door the royal pages of honor, in their liveries of blue and silver, a ve slowly in upon the dals of the great bell room. Everybody rises at once. The great doors are fluig open and the grand officers of the household, namely ford Hopetoun, the Lord Chan in, and he tall and states ly Lord Cever. It all the lord states of the light of the control of the light of the

the re; ... party move to the dals; and once they are seated there the concert begins, or the state ball opens.

The dals is situated at the western end of the ball room, with a name er of chairs of state to; the wall far diy. The Princess of Wales, as representative of the Queen, invariably occupies the middle chair. On either side of the dals are scarlet and gold upholstered benches, those at the left being reserved for the foreign diplomatic corps, while those on the right are restricted to British duchesses. State balls and state concerts are usually brought to a conclusion by supper, the royal personages and their concerts are usually brought to a conclusion by supper, the royal personages and their immediate party being served in a separate apartment, to which they are conducted with the same amount of exemony and of pomp as characterize their arrival. Not until the royal procession has quitted the baliform, are the doors of the supper-room for the remainder of the company thrown open. This portion of the royal entertainment is on the same magnificent scale as every other feature of these court functions. Both the vlands and the wine are absolute by unexceptionable, while the play of gold and a very plate, representing millions of dollars in value, is such as can be seen at no other court in the world.

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the tecing team and is advanced on a "ing" play.

3. On the "tag" play the member of the team who stands nighest in his class is given the stands nighest in his class is given the ball to run with it. The opposing player, must toach kim as he runs and say, "Tag, you're it." Bat if he has his fingers crossed at the time, or is touching wood, he does not have to stop. For this purpose word, he does not have to stop. For this purpose them by which it is fingers crossed or touching wood, he must put the ball down. Any on the back by a member of the runner's team is called "out" and cannot "tag" the mests of her runner, in a scaled "out" and cannot "tag" the runner, in a scaled "

on he back by a member of the runner's for the for her runner.

282 in d. Any player who takes hold of an oposing player, or who displays brusqueness and lack of refinement, shall be put into a compartment at the side lines known as the "boneyard," and shall on be released until his captain shall answer ten questions without laughing.

5. After a touch-dewn has been made the professor of rhetoric shall give five hard words from the back of the book to the full-back of the team scoring the touch-down. If the full-back spells the five words correctly, his team is credited with two points, the same as if a goal was kicked. If he same as if a goal was kicked. If he can define the decrease of the possing team on the 25-yard line. The ball must never he kicked, as it might strike ene of the possing team on the 25-yard line. The ball must never he kicked, as it might strike on of the possing team on the 25-yard line. The ball must never he kicked, as it might strike on of the possing team on the 25-yard line. The ball must never he kicked, as it might strike on of the possing team on the 25-yard line. The ball must never he kicked, as it might strike on the possing team on the 25-yard line. The ball must never he kicked, as it might strike on the possing team on the 25-yard line. The ball must never he kicked, as it might strike on the possing team on the 25-yard line. The ball must never he kicked. As it might strike the possing team on the 25-yard line. The ball must never he kicked, as it might strike the possing team on the 25-yard line. The ball must never he kicked. As it might strike the possing team on the 25-yard line. The ball must never he kicked. As it might strike the put into the course of the possing team on the 25-yard line. The ball must never he kicked. As it might strike the same as if a goal was kicked as it might strike the same as if a goal was been made the possing team on the 25-yard line. The ball must never he kicked, as it might strike the same as if a goal was been made the possing the touc

at the centre of the field.
7. Both spectators and players are expect

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was once by a very small boy; though he dld have to help him a large tin horn. Pretty nice sort of house it was, and, mussin' around, I got into this small boy's room. I don't know whether no heard me in the hall—though I don't believe he dld, because I'm not ordinarily a noisy man around the house, that is, around other people's houses, anyway—or whether he saw the one beam of light I threw into the room for a second from my lamp, but I guess it was the light.

"Anyhow, before I had, taken two steps in that room I heard the tee-fideest blast on a tin horn I wer heard; and it seemed as though it was right within a foot of my had. I turned my lamp to where it came did have to help him a large tin horn. Pret

on a tin north over dearth; and it seemed as though it was right within a foot of my head. I turned my lamp to where it came from, and there, sitting up in bed, and blowing loud enough for a fog horn, was a small boy, ten years, maybe, with his hair standing on end, if any human being's ever did, but blowing this horn good and hearty. I suppose the youngster must have been nervous or wakeful over some celebration that had come off, for that was coming, that they blew horns in, and he had his horn under his pillow and was lying there awake. He'd read biterature enough to know what a light from a bullseye meant in a house at that hour in the 'ight, and when he saw my light exerping over the carpet, he reached under his pillow and got that horn, and began to blow it; scared half to death, but never flinching, and blowing ali the better on that account.

"Well, you know, courage and nerve and all that are very necessary parts of a man's outfit, if he calculates to amount to anything; but there are times when, no matter have much a mon's got of 'ene he doesn't

thing; but there are times when, no matte how much a man's got of 'em, he doesn' want to unpack 'em at all; but just want want to unpack 'em at all; but just wants to light out as fast as he can, and this seemed to be very clearly one of those occasions, because it wouldn't be two minutes before the whole neighborhood would be arcuid the house, and I started right away, hearing the folks on that floor slamming doors open and making a grand rush for the small boy's room as I went down the front stairs. His excitement kept him blowing a second or two after they me, and that time was a great help, and

(tell his story, and that gave me more time lenough to get away in.

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Victoria and Vicinity-Moderate winds, chiefly northeast; partly fair; colder, with frost at night.
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Rain—08 inches.
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Spring Rush To Cape Nome.

The Coast Transportation Companies Actively Preparing for the Spring Exodus.

Tees Arrives from Skagway-Last of the Sealing Fleet Away.

The various transportation companie parating from Victoria, the Sound erts and San Francisco are now con rush to Cape Nome in the spring, the number of inquiries being received from Eastern points being simply phenomenal It is unofficially learned that the steamers running direct to Nome from Victoria are assured of full freight and passenger cargo when sailing on the initial trips, about the 1st of May next, the rates being \$100 first-class, \$75 second-class, \$40 per ton for freight and \$75 for horses. Some of the representatives of the local companies interested are of the opinion that there will be a great scarcity of steamers to handle the traffic. The White Pass & Yukon railway company expect to get a considerable share of the Nome-bound traffic, believing that many will prefer to go to Dawson via Skagway, and from the latter point go down the Yukon to Nome. From San Francisco it is learned that many vessels are being chartered, and the stampede will probably be as great as during the first of the Klondike excitement. The J. S. Kimball Company will be early in the field. They are to run six steamers to Nome, Cape York, Port Clarence and Safety Harbor, via St. Michael. The vesrels are the Aloha, Sequioia, Noyo, Albion, Bessie K. and the fine new ocean steamer John S. Kimball. The latter is now nearing completion, and will make her maiden voyage to the gold fields. She will carry 500 passengers and 1.500 tons of freight, and will sail April 25. The other vessels will follow every week or ten days. The Pacific Const Steamship Company and the Alaska Exploration Company are also getting ready for the rush, and during the spring there will be a dearth of vessels in the coasting trade in consequence. A company is being organized at Tacoma with a capital of \$200,000 to build a landing place at Cape Nome, at which point all vessels had great difficulty in discharging their cargoes last season. A huge floating dook is to be constructed large enough for two steamships to lie along side. It will be anchored firmly one mile from shore. From the floating dock to the shore a line of caissons is to be sunt to bedrock, and upon these will be stretched a cable that will convey a system of surf buckets between 4t and the shore. To prevent th ers running direct to Nome from Victoria are assured of full freight and pas-

RELEASING TRANSPORTS.

United States Government Will Have Vessels of Their Own to Carry Troops to Manila.

The scarcity of tonnage complained of The scarcity of tonnage complained of by some of the Sound exchanges will be remedied to some extent by the releasing in a few days of a large number of transports engaged by the United States government in the service to Philippine ports. All the transports under charter are being returned to their owners as fast as they arrive at San Francisco from Manila. Possibly a few that have been fitted to carry horses will be retained in the service. The transport fleet will soon consist of vessels owned by the government and the horse carriers that are under charter. There are now twenty-seven transports on the

Sign. The American ship Glory of the Seas sailed from San Francisco a week ago for Comox to load another cargo of coal for R. Dunsmuir & Sons.

The steamer Defiance, Capt. Cates, arrived at Vancouver from Shoal Bay on Saturday evening. She brought down about 45 passengers and 17 tons of matte and four boxes, each containing 1,000 pounds of bullion from the Van Anda smelter.

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The Pacific Coast Steamship Company's steamer Queen sailed for Sar Francisco Sunday night with the following passengers from Victoria: Mrs. Allan, Ralph and James Allan, Miss L. Morris, Ernest H. Price, Archdeacon and Mrs. Scriven. Rev. A. Benson and Miss A. L. Broell.

The bark Nanaimo, of the British Columbia lumber fleet, is now out 133 days from Chemainus for Nagasaki, Japan, and has been posted as missing at Lloyd's. The overdue bark is manned by a number of well-known British Columbia mariners, including Capt. Newby, the pilot. She was bailt at Nanaimo and launched on September 3, 1882.

Capt. Christensen and Chief Engineer McGuire of the tug Czar have come over from Vancouver to take charge of the Lorne, the flagship of the tugboat fleet operating in the Straits. Their places will be taken on the Czar, on the route with Transfer No. 1, between Vancouver and Uniou, by Capt. L. P. Locke, formerly of the Joan and later of the Lorne.

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San Francisco, several noties late. She had a heavy freight, including a large shipment of nitrate for the Chemical Works. There were also-large consignments for the Victoria-Phoenix Brewing Co., and sacks of peas for Brackman & Ker. Among the passengers, 33 of whom landed at this port, were D. M. Eberts, Q. C., and Theodore Lubbe.

There is a very large shipment of condensed milk lying at the wharf at Vancouver to go out on the Empress next Monday. There are several consignments in it for different parts of China, making in all about 6,000 cases. The goods are from Illinois, There should be a chance for Canadian exporters in the milk business, if the people on the other side of the line are making it pay, as they have apparently been doing for the last year in shipments to China.

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COL. BAKER'S RETURN.

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From Vancouver News Advertiser.

Col. James Baker, M. P. P. for the south riding of East Kootenay, arrived in the city yesterday from the East. Since last in Vancouver Col. Baker has been in the Old Country, from where he arrived at Montreal a few weeks ago. Since then he has taken the journey westward in easy stages, and stayed for some days in Cranbrook and Fernie, in East Kootenay. He looks in the best of health, and declares that the visit was one of the pleasantest of his life. During his stay in England his som was married, which circumstance delayed him some time longer than he would otherwise have been.

Col. Baker began to talk at once of the coal mines of East Kootenay, when asked yesterday afternoon regarding his trip. He said that they were developing very rapidly, and the output from the mines was now something like 800 tons per day, "This will shortly be extended to 1,200 tons per day," explained

the names was now something like 800 tons per day. "This will shortly be extended to 1,200 tons per day," explained the Colonel, "and as it is, our mines cannot supply the demand throughout Kootenay and Montana. The coke is of first-class quality, and even if the output were a great deal larger there would be no trouble at all about finding a good market for it. The towns of East Kootenay are progressing very well, and there is a general air of prosperity in the district.

"I wish you would mention—it is a matter about which something should be

way, her departure having been some what delayed owing to slight repairs being required at Seattle. The streamer Victorian does not arrive at the outer dock until 7:30 this morning, and leaves again for the Sound at **Public's Wards**

Christmas a Festival Day in Centres of Philanthropy In Victoria.

Sick, Aged and Orphans Alike Objects of Citizens Thoughtful Kindness.

Nice white slices of turkey such as little boys and girls are most fond of, and plenty of real plum pudding afterwards, constituted part of the Christmas fare of the 64 fatherless and motherless charges out at the Protestant Orlike 150 pounds of turkey having been sent in by good hearted friends, while there were rruits and candies and cranberries and all the other eatable et cet-eras to make the feast complete. Mrs. McGregor, the matron, presided of course over the bright-faced brood, while Ald, and Mrs. Hayward and Mrs. Mcones whose lives are none too full of sun-shine, with their presence and their presents. The big celebration of Christ-mas at the orphanage does not, however, mas at the orphanage does not, however, take place until Thursday—the Christmas dinner being merely the prelude to the joys of the Christmas tree. This will be provided on Thursday afternoon, a large stock of toys, bonbons, and other delights of childhood having been sent in by friends of the institution—and the children being already keyed up to concert pitch in anticipation of the annual festival.

The patients at the Royal Jubilee and St. Joseph's hospitals were also served.

The patients at the Royal Jubilee and St. Joseph's hospitals were also served with specially good Christmas dinners on Monday, each patient (whether in public ward or private room) getting a little more of the table delights than the nature of his ailments or the doctor would usually permit. The Christmas celebration at the Jubilee, indeed, commenced on Saturday, and did not end until last evening, there being a Christmas tree Saturday evening that was provocative of much anusement and innocent enjoyment. After the dinner Monday, the Arion Club under the direction of Mr. E. H. Russell gave their annual complimentary concert for the benefit of the patients, presenting an uncommonly well arranged programme of their best and most popular numbers, and having the valuable assistance in their endeavour to cheer the sick and suffering, of Mrs. F. B. Pemberon, and having the valuable assistance in their endeavour to cheer the sick and suffering, of Mrs. F. B. Pemberon, Anumber of the members of the hospital directorate attended the afternoon festivities and concert, among them President H. D. Helmcken and Messrs. Alexander Wilson, J. S. Yates, J. L. Crimp, E. A. Lewis, Joshua Davies, and F. Elworthy. Sir Henry Crease in thanking the Arion Club in behalf of the patients, for their kindness in visiting the hospital as they have for several years past, expressed the hope that the Christmas visits would be continued in the future, and emphasized the great pleasure that is thereby given to the immates of the institution. He also spoke briefly but feelingly of the good work that is being done by the rhospital, and expressed confidence that its usefulness would continue unimpaired.

At St, Joseph's hospital and St. Anne's orphanage and convent the celebration of Christmas day was a quiet but enjoyable one, an excellent dinner for all being an important component part of the day's observance. Christmas was ushered in with a celebration of midnight mass in the Convent chapel, and there were also appropriate exercises during the

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RECKONING TIME. In Mohammedan Lands the Day Begins

The ordinary method of reckoning

sunset to sunset. Twelve o'clock is at sunset, and this is the beginning of the day. Two periods of twelve hours then pass till the next sunset, whereupon everybody sets his wateb, if he has one backward or forward according to the season. Of course, accurate time is im season. Of course, accurate time is impossible under such a system. The telegraphs and railroads in Syria, for example, keep anything but exact time, caough it might be procurred from the observatory at Beyrout, which uses its mean time. In Teheran, Persia, a midday gun is fired by the time shown on a dial, and this in spite of the fast that the correct local mean time might be procured at the telegraph office, which is regulated daily by a time signal from Greenwich, and is the time standard for all telegraphic business. But the merchants and the street car company keep gun time, and the railroad trains do not seem to require a time-table at all, as they

telegraphic business. But the merchants and the street cur company keep gun time, and the railroad trains do not seem to require a time-table at all, as they seldom start until full or required to start by a government order.

There are out-of-the-way parts of the world that keep very good time, because their clocks are regulated by telegraph from Greenwich, and then the Greenwich mean time is reduced to local time, according to longitude difference. Thus at Lagos and the Gold Coast, West Africa, the local time is checked daily by telegraph from Greenwich and transmitted to all the telegraph offices in the colonies. The time at Acera is only forsefive seconds slower than that of Greenwich, and is the time used throughout the Gold Coast.

Most any sort of time is kept in China. As a rule, the Chinese use an apparent sun time obtained from sun dials. The foreigners at the ports on the coast use

sun time obtained from sun dials. The foreigners at the ports on the coast use an approximate local time calculated from the Shanghai time, supplied by the telegraph companies. In the great city of Tientsin, with a million inhabitants, the time is determined by the municipal chronometer, which is the town hall clock. It is supposed to be regulated every Saturday, when the community may set their watches, but it ams been known to be in error at deast three minutes.

Last December was the time when all the towns in Colombia were expected thereafter to use the time of Bogota, the capital. With this responsibility upon them, it is hoped that the public clocks of that city will improve in their time-keeping, for visitors at Bogota say it is nothing unusual for the public clocks to disagree by fully a quarter of an hour. In India the standard time for the whole of the peninsula is the mean time of the Madras observatory, and this time is used in recording the time of sending telegrams to foreign countries. Local time is, however, used in most towns and villages, and it is announced by clocks, striking gongs, bells and guns, the signals being given from churches, treasury buildings, forts and telegraph offices, The local clocks are set daily by the time telegraphed from Madras, and each telegraph office has a closely printed table filling about fifty pages, giving the difference between Madras and local time for all the government telegraph offices in India.

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Not a few countries constantly use two standards of time. This is not at all troublesome when we consider that before the adoption of the hour zones, the railroads across the continent employed about seventy standards of time in making up their time tables. Railroads and telegraphs throughout Spain use Madrid time, but for all other purposes the official time is determined by the meridian of each locality. Throughout Russia, St. Petersburg time is used for telegraphic purposes, and each place has its own local time besides. In Portugal the country towns keep their local time very roughly, but Lisbon and the railroad and telegraph services have the time of the Tapada royal observatory. There is considerable confusion in the Netherlands, and if one's watch does not agree with the land it doesn't follow that he has a poor time-keeper. In the railroad sattons, telegraph and postoffices the exact time of the Greenwich observatory will be found. In many towns Amsterdam time is in use, and it is about twenty minutes faster than reliable clocks in manutes faster than reliable clocks in

is in use, and it is about twenty minutes faster than reliable clocks in many of their towns that use Greenwich time; still, other towns use their own local time, so the Netherlands do not lack for variety in time standards.

Every place in Newfoundland uses St. John's time for all purposes, excepting Heart's Content, which has special privileges as a cable station. For local purposes this little town employs local time, Every day it receives a signal from London giving the Greenwich time, and as the difference in time between the two points is three hours, thirty-three minutes and thirty-three seconds, it is only necessary to keep the local clocks that much slow on Greenwich time to have the exact local time. But in the cable office all foreign business in transmitted with Greenwich time.

In Great Britain Greenwich mean time is the standard, and is used for all purposes nearly everywhere. Among the few exceptions is the city of Canterbury, which uses a time about four minutes fast on Greenwich, and clocks at a few railroad stations are kept one or two

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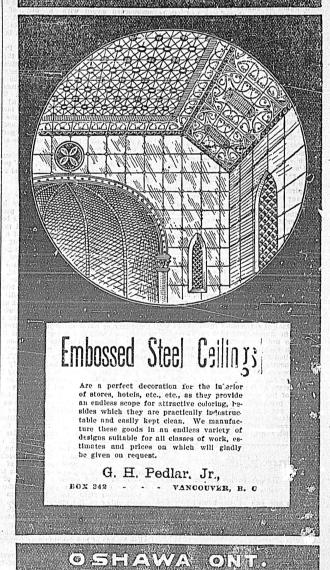
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